

**REMARKS**

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.  
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

4. (Amended) The method of producing an alkaline storage battery described in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, wherein the solvent in the solvent- attaching step contains the binder.

5. (Amended) The method of producing an alkaline storage battery described in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, wherein attaching of the solvent in the solvent-attaching step is carried out by spraying.

6. (Amended) The method of producing an alkaline storage battery described in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, wherein the electrode is hydrogen absorbing alloy electrode using a hydrogen absorbing alloy as the active material, which can reversibly carrying out electrochemical absorbing and desorbing of hydrogen.

9. (Amended) The method of producing an alkaline storage battery described in claim ~~7 or 8~~, wherein the amount of the solvent for the binder attaching to the surface of the dry electrode is from  $3 \times 10^{-5}$  g/mm<sup>2</sup> to  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  g/mm<sup>2</sup> per unit area of the above-described negative electrode.

13. (Amended) The method of producing a hydrogen absorbing alloy electrode described in claim ~~11 or 12~~, further includes a low-temperature drying step of drying, after the solvent-attaching step, the electrode attached with the solvent at a temperature lower than the drying temperature in the above-described drying step.